

REMARKS

Claims 2-7 and 9 are pending. Claim 2 is the only independent claim and has been amended. Claim 8 has been cancelled without prejudice. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Claims 2-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,466,202 (Suso et al). Applicants submit that amended independent claim 2 and the claims dependent thereon are patentable for at least the following reasons.

Amended independent claim 2 is directed to a folding portable communication unit which is composed of first and second cabinets and a hinge for so supporting the first and second cabinets that they are rotational around the hinge. The unit includes: first display/data-input means which displays a first information related to mobile telephone communication, inputs a first data related to the communication, and is situated on an obverse surface of the first and second cabinets, and second display/data-input means which displays a second information related to the mobile telephone communication, inputs a second data related to the communication, and is situated on a rear cover of the first or second cabinet. The second information can be watched and the second data can be inputted by a user in case that the first and second cabinets are folded in a closed position. The folding portable communication unit is only operable to permit verbal telephone communication in case that the first and second cabinets are in an open position. The folding portable communication unit further comprising a common display driver that drives the displays of both the first display/data-input means and the second display/data-input means.

By virtue of the recited features, e.g., the simplified LCD (e.g., 26) and the LCD (e.g., 20) can be driven by a single LCD driver, which reduces the mounting area as well as power consumption. In the Office Action, the position was taken that Suso discloses a common display driver and col. 7, lines 1-5 was relied upon to support this position.

However, this portion of Suso simply refers control of the liquid crystal display part 10. There is no teaching or suggestion of a common display driver that drives both of the first and second displays.

For at least the foregoing reasons, amended claim 2 is believed clearly patentable over Suso.

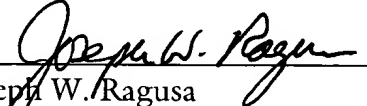
The other claims in this application are each dependent from the independent claim discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance, and its entry is therefore requested. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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